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SUBJECT: SAUDI ALARM AT ISRAELI AIR INCURSIONS

REF: JIDDA 2881, TEL AVIV A-38 2/27/75

1. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY STATEMENT MADE TO RECENT CONGRESSIONAL OR OTHER US VISITORS BY ANY ISRAELI OFFICIAL IN RESPONSIBLE POSITION THAT GOI MIGHT HAVE OCCUPATION OF NORTHER SAUDI ARABIA UNDER CONSIDERATION IN EVENT OF FUTURE HOSTILITIES. (CONTROL OFFICERS HAVE ATTENDED NEARLY EVERY SUBSTANTIVE MEETING WHICH RECENT CODELS HAVE HAD.)

2. MOREOVER DATT BELIEVES, AND WE CONCUR, THAT IT WOULD HARDLY BE SEEN BY IDF AS ADVANTAGEOUS TO OPEN FOURTH FRONT WHEN IT HAS SUFFICIENT PROBLEMS COPING WITH THREAT OF THREE.

3. RE TABUK, WE HAVE REPORTED PREVIOUSLY (REFAIR) THAT GEN. GUR HAS EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN TO CODELS REGARDING DEVELOPMENTS AT SAUDI AIRBASE THERE. AT TIME WE TOOK HIS COMMENTS PRIMARILY AS ADDITIONAL (AND COSMETIC) JUSTIFICATION FOR SIZEABLE EARLY WARNING INSTALLATION BEING BUILT ON WEST BANK. NEVERTHELESS, IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE

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THAT ISRAELIS HAVE BEEN MONITORING ACTIVITIES THERE THROUGH

PERIODIC RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS. AT NO TIME IN HIS BRIEF-
INGS OF CODELS, HOWEVER, HAVE WE HEARD GUR SUGGEST OCCUPA-
TION AS MEANS OF MEETING WHATEVER THREAT HE MAY PERCEIVE
FROM TABUK.

4. WE WOULD WELCOME ANY INFO THAT MIGHT BE AVAILABLE TO
EITHER DEPT OR JIDDA WHICH MIGHT EXPLAIN FAHD'S CONCERN OVER
POSSIBLE ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF NORTHERN SAUDI ARABIA, AND
IDEA WHICH SEEMS VERY FAR-OUT HERE.
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